

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 2965, Enhancing Small Business Research and Innovation Act.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S10647–S10704*

**Measures Introduced:** One bill and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 4049, and S. Res. 703–704. **Page S10693**

**Measures Reported:**

Report to accompany S. 3817, to amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act, the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment and Adoption Reform Act of 1978, and the Abandoned Infants Assistance Act of 1988 to reauthorize the Acts. (S. Rept. No. 111–378) **Page S10693**

**Measures Passed:**

**Military Museum of Texas:** Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 6510, to direct the Administrator of General Services to convey a parcel of real property in Houston, Texas, to the Military Museum of Texas, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S10695–96**

**Airport and Airway Extension Act:** Senate passed H.R. 6473, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend the airport improvement program. **Page S10696**

**Local Community Radio Act:** Senate passed H.R. 6533, to implement the recommendations of the Federal Communications Commission report to the Congress regarding low-power FM service. **Page S10696**

**Federal Aviation Administration Extension Act:** Committee on Finance was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4915, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make technical corrections

to the pension funding provisions of the Preservation of Access to Care for Medicare Beneficiaries and Pension Relief Act of 2010, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto: **Page S10696**

Brown (OH) (for Baucus) Amendment No. 4848, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S10696**

Brown (OH) (for Baucus) Amendment No. 4849, to amend the title. **Page S10696**

**Honoring Ambassador Richard Holbrooke:** Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 335, honoring the exceptional achievements of Ambassador Richard Holbrooke and recognizing the significant contributions he has made to United States national security, humanitarian causes, and peaceful resolutions of international conflict. **Pages S10696–97**

**Authorize Printing:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 704, to authorize the printing of a revised edition of the Senate Election Law Guidebook. **Page S10698**

**Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly Act:** Senate passed S. 118, to amend section 202 of the Housing Act of 1959, to improve the program under such section for supportive housing for the elderly, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S10698–S10703**

Brown (OH) (for Dodd) Amendment No. 4850, to comply with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go-Act of 2010. **Page S10700**

**Honoring Bob Feller:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 703, recognizing and honoring Bob Feller and expressing the condolences of the Senate to his family on his death. **Page S10703**

**House Messages:**

**Removal Clarification Act:** Senate resumed consideration of the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate No. 3 to H.R. 5281, to amend title 28, United States

Code, to clarify and improve certain provisions relating to the removal of litigation against Federal officers or agencies to Federal courts, taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto:

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Pending:

Reid motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate No. 3 to the bill.

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Reid motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate No. 3 to the bill, with Reid Amendment No. 4822 (to the House Amendment to the Senate amendment No. 3), to change the enactment date.

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Reid Amendment No. 4823 (to Amendment No. 4822), of a perfecting nature.

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Reid motion to refer the message of the House on the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 4824, to provide for a study.

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Reid Amendment No. 4825 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 4824), to change the enactment date.

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Reid Amendment No. 4826 (to Amendment No. 4825), of a perfecting nature.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 55 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 278), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate No. 3 to the bill.

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**Enhancing Small Business Research and Innovation Act:** By 65 yeas to 31 nays (Vote No. 281), Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 2965, to amend the Small Business Act with respect to the Small Business Innovation Research Program and the Small Business Technology Transfer Program, after taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto:

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Withdrawn:

Reid motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with Reid Amendment No. 4827 (to the House Amendment to the Senate amendment), to change the enactment date.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 63 yeas to 33 nays (Vote No. 279), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to concur in

the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill.

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Reid motion to refer the message of the House on the bill to the Committee on Armed Services, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 4829, to provide for a study, fell when cloture was invoked on the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill.

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Reid Amendment No. 4830 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 4829), of a perfecting nature, fell when Reid Amendment No. 4829, (listed above) fell.

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Reid Amendment No. 4831 (to Amendment No. 4830), of a perfecting nature, fell when Reid Amendment No. 4830 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 4829), (listed above) fell.

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Reid Amendment No. 4828 (to Amendment No. 4827), to change the enactment date, fell when Reid Amendment No. 4827 (listed above), was withdrawn.

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**Senator Specter Farewell Speech—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the previous order relating to the recognition of Senator Specter on Tuesday, December 21, 2010, be modified to provide that he be recognized at 10:30 a.m., that day.

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**Treaty With Russia on Measures for Further Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms—Agreement:** Senate continued consideration of Treaty Doc. 111–5, between the United States of America and the Russian Federation on Measures for the Further Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms, signed in Prague on April 8, 2010, with Protocol, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Rejected:

By 37 yeas to 59 nays (Vote No. 282), McCain/Barrasso Amendment No. 4814, to amend the preamble to strike language regarding the interrelationship between strategic offensive arms and strategic defensive arms.

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Pending:

Risch Amendment No. 4839, to amend the preamble to the Treaty to acknowledge the interrelationship between non-strategic and strategic offensive arms.

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the treaty at approximately 12 noon, on Sunday, December 19, 2010, that there be three hours of debate with respect to Risch Amendment No. 4839 (listed above); with the time divided, as follows: one hour under the control of Senator Kerry, or his designee; and two hours under the control of Senator Risch, or his

designee; that no amendment be in order to Risch Amendment No. 4839; further that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate will vote with respect to the amendment.

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**Lohier and Reeves Nominations—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Sunday, December 19, 2010, following any vote with respect to the Risch Amendment to the START Treaty; that the Senate proceed to consideration of the following nominations: Raymond Joseph Lohier, Jr., of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, and Carlton W. Reeves, of Mississippi, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi; and vote immediately on confirmation of the nominations, with 2 minutes of debate prior to each confirmation vote, equally divided and controlled between Senators Leahy and Sessions, or their designees; further, that after the first vote in this sequence, the succeeding votes be limited to 10 minutes each.

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**Pearson and Martinez Nominations—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, following consultation with the Republican Leader, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session to consider the following nominations: Benita Y. Pearson, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio; and William Joseph Martinez, of Colorado, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado; that debate on each nomination be limited to 60 minutes, equally divided and controlled between Senators Leahy and Sessions, or their designees; that upon the use or yielding back of all time, the Senate then vote on confirmation of the nominations in the order listed; that prior to the sec-

ond vote, there be 2 minutes of debate, divided as specified above; that the second vote be limited to 10 minutes.

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**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By unanimous vote of 95 yeas (Vote No. EX. 280), Ellen Lipton Hollander, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland.

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Albert Diaz, of North Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit.

Edmond E–Min Chang, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

Leslie E. Kobayashi, of Hawaii, to be United States District Judge for the District of Hawaii.

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**Messages from the House:**

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Amendments Submitted:**

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**Privileges of the Floor:**

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**Record Votes:** Five record votes were taken today. (Total—282)

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 5:19 p.m., until 12 noon on Sunday, December 19, 2010. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10704.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, December 21, 2010.

## Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2010

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

### House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

12 p.m., Sunday, December 19

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Tuesday, December 21

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Sunday:** Senate will continue consideration of the New START Treaty, and after a period of debate, vote on or in relation to Risch Amendment No. 4839, at 3 p.m.; following which, Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination of Raymond Joseph Lohier, Jr., of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, and confirmation of the nomination of Carlton W. Reeves, of Mississippi, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi.

## House Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** To be announced.

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